

City of Garden Grove
WEEKLY CITY MANAGER'S MEMO
April 11, 2024

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council FROM: Lisa Kim, City Manager
Members

**I. ITEMS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, OUTSIDE AGENCIES,
BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS**

A. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE)

Southern California Edison Filing Notice: Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to recover in customer rates the costs to support extended operation of Diablo Canyon Power Plant from September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 and for approval of planned expenditure of 2025 volumetric performance fees.

B. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE)

Southern California Edison Filing Notice: Application of Southern California Edison Company (U 338-E) to establish marginal costs, allocate revenues, and design rates.

• **OTHER ITEMS**

– SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS AND NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Copies of the week's social media posts and local newspaper articles are attached for your information.

– MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Items of interest are included.



Lisa Kim
City Manager



Ryan Jerman
Senior Attorney
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2024 APR -8 AM 10:56

April 2, 2024

Re: Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company to Recover in Customer Rates the Costs to Support Extended Operation of Diablo Canyon Power Plant from September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 and for Approval of Planned Expenditure of 2025 Volumetric Performance Fees

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 29, 2024, Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) filed its application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to recover in customer rates the costs to support extended Operation of Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP) from September 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025 and for approval of planned expenditure of 2025 volumetric performance fees. Pursuant to Senate Bill 846, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) customers will pay for a portion of the DCPP extended operations costs. The CPUC has assigned Docket Number A.24-03-018 to this proceeding.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in Southern California Edison Company's service territory and will be included as a bill notice provided to every SCE electrical customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing and supporting testimony on our website, at www.sce.com/applications. You may also request a print copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

Very truly yours,

Ryan T. Jerman

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Enclosure

**NOTICE OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY'S MANDATED RATE INCREASE DUE TO
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S DCPD 2025 COST RECOVERY
APPLICATION (A.24-03-019)**

Acronyms you need to know:

PG&E: Pacific Gas and Electric Company
SCE: Southern California Edison Company
SDG&E: San Diego Gas & Electric Company
CPUC: California Public Utilities Commission
DCPD: Diablo Canyon Power Plant

Why am I receiving this notice?

Senate Bill (SB) 846, signed into law in September 2022, provides a path for PG&E to extend DCPD operations beyond the current operating licenses, which are set to expire in 2024 and 2025. As the owners of DCPD, the legislation authorizes PG&E to collect DCPD costs from the customers of other electric utilities in California, including customers of SCE. Under SB 846, SCE must collect the amounts owed by SCE customers related to extended DCPD operations with no additional markup.

On March 29, 2024, PG&E filed an application requesting CPUC approval of the forecasted costs of operating DCPD in 2025. PG&E is the only applicant seeking approval from the CPUC. SCE is providing this notice to SCE customers of the rate increase that could result from SCE's required collection of these costs.

Why is this rate increase necessary?

Continued operation of DCPD is necessary to promote statewide grid reliability. PG&E is proposing to collect \$336.776 million for continued operation of DCPD over a one-year period beginning January 1, 2025. Under SB 846, SCE customers must contribute 44.7%, or \$150.626 million, of this amount.

The amount due from SCE customers will vary from year to year depending on factors such as the forecasted cost to operate DCPD for that year and the number of customers served by electric utilities in California. Every year that PG&E continues to operate DCPD, PG&E will file an application with the CPUC to request approval of DCPD costs for the upcoming year. The CPUC conditionally authorized new retirement dates for DCPD of 2029 (Unit 1) and 2030 (Unit 2)¹.

How could this impact my electric rates?

If the rate request is approved, the average residential monthly bill using 500 kWh per month would increase by approximately \$1.26 or 0.7% per month in 2025.

Bundled Average Rates (¢/kWh)					
Customer Group	Current Rates	Proposed Change	Proposed Rates	% Change	
Residential	33.8	0.24	34.0	0.7%	
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	30.1	0.18	30.2	0.6%	
Large Power	20.5	0.15	20.7	0.7%	
Agricultural and Pumping	24.0	0.14	24.1	0.6%	
Street and Area Lighting	36.5	0.12	36.6	0.3%	
Standby	17.0	0.14	17.1	0.8%	
Total	28.5	0.19	28.7	0.7%	

Residential Bill Impact (\$/Month)					
Description	Current	Proposed Change	Proposed	% Change	
Non-CARE residential bill	\$ 180.40	\$ 1.26	\$ 181.66	0.7%	
CARE residential bill	\$ 122.12	\$ 0.85	\$ 122.97	0.7%	

How does the rest of this process work?

PG&E's application will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge. SCE may participate in this regulatory proceeding, as a separate party, in order to protect SCE customers' interests. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt PG&E's application, modify it or deny it. Any CPUC

¹ Decision (D.) 23-12-036, issued in December 2023

Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting. If PG&E's application is approved, the costs of DCPD will be included in the rates paid by SCE customers.

Parties to the proceeding may review PG&E's application, including the Public Advocates Office. The Public Advocates Office is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information about the Public Advocates Office, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email: **PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov** or visit **PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

Where can I get more information?

CONTACT SCE

Phone: (800) 655-4555

Email: case.admin@sce.com

Mail: Eric Lee

Southern California Edison Company

A.24-03-XXX – DCPD 2025 Cost Recovery Application

P.O. Box 800

Rosemead, CA 91770

If you would like a copy of the filing and exhibits, please write to the address below:

Pacific Gas and Electric Company

DCPD 2025 Cost Recovery Application (A.24-03-XXX)

P.O. Box 1018

Oakland, CA 94604-1018

CONTACT CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2403XXX to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:

Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov

Mail: CPUC

Public Advisor's Office

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, CA 94102

Call: 1-866-849-8390 (toll-free) or 1-415-703-2074

Please reference **DCPD 2025 Cost Recovery Application (A.24-03-XXX)** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

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Re: Application of Southern California Edison Company
(U 338-E) to Establish Marginal Costs, Allocate Revenues,
and Design Rates

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 29, 2024, Southern California Edison Company (SCE) filed its application with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) for authority to establish marginal costs, allocate revenues, and design rates stemming from the 2025 General Rate Case (GRC), Application A.23-05-010. The CPUC has assigned Docket Number A.24-03-019 (GRC Phase 2) to this proceeding.

The enclosed notice is being published in a newspaper of general circulation in SCE's service territory and will be included as a bill notice provided to every SCE electrical customer. To obtain more detailed information, you may view or download a copy of SCE's filing and supporting testimony on our website, at www.sce.com/applications. You may also request a print copy of these documents from SCE at the address listed in the enclosed notice.

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Enclosure(s)

Para más información en cómo este cambio impactará su factura, llame al 1-800-798-5723.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Southern California Edison Company's Request to Change Electric Rates
Application A.24-03-019

Why am I receiving this notice?

On March 29, 2024, Southern California Edison (SCE) filed its General Rate Case (GRC) Phase 2 Application (A.24-03-019). In this application, SCE is proposing to adopt rates that more accurately reflect what it costs to serve each customer class. This results in rates increasing for some customer classes and decreasing for other customer classes; no new costs are being proposed in this Phase 2 Application.

If the CPUC approves this application, SCE will recover forecasted costs in electric rates over a 4-year period beginning approximately in the first quarter of 2026. This will impact your monthly bill.

Why is SCE requesting this rate revision?

In the second phase of the General Rate Case, rates are designed by dividing approved electric costs among each customer class (residential, commercial, etc.). There are no new costs proposed in this Phase 2 application. This application will redesign rates by incorporating rate changes from other SCE proceedings including SCE's Phase 1 General Rate Case and would be phased in over four years.

How could this affect my monthly electric rates?

If SCE's rate request is approved by the CPUC, the average residential non-CARE monthly bill using 500 kWh per month would increase by approximately \$14.22 or 8.1% per month.

Proposed Electric Rates¹

Customer Classification	Average Rates as of October 2023 (cents/kWh)	Proposed Average Rates (cents/kWh)	Average Rate Change (cents/kWh)	Percentage Rate Change (% Increase)
Residential	32.6	35.2	2.6	8.0%
Lighting - Small and Medium Power	29.3	26.3	(3.0)	-10.4%
Large Power	20.6	20.9	0.3	1.7%
Agriculture	23.6	23.5	(0.1)	-0.4%
Street Lighting	30.5	44.5	14.0	45.7%
Standby	17.9	18.7	0.8	4.7%
Total	27.7	27.7	0.0	0.1%

How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt SCE's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate

¹ October 1, 2023 rates with 2025 sales forecast.

decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding are currently reviewing SCE's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information regarding the Public Advocates Office, please call **1-415-703-1584**, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit **PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov**.

Where can I get more information?

Contact SCE:

Phone: (800) 655-4555 or (626) 302-8146
Email: scegrc@sce.com
Mail: Southern California Edison Company
Attention: Case Administration
A.24-03-019 – GRC, Phase 2
P.O. Box 800
Rosemead, CA 91770

A copy of the Application and any related documents may also be reviewed at www.sce.com/applications.

Contact CPUC

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2403019 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding.

Your participation by providing your thoughts on SCE's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

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Please reference **SCE's Application A.24-03-019** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

WEEKLY MEMO 04-11-2024

NEWS ARTICLES

Bonds will be issued for 'new' Garden Grove civic center

April 10, 2024



TEMPORARY BARRIERS are already up around the Civic Center Park on Euclid Street in Garden Grove as construction begins for a new police facility, attached garage and a new park, The existing Civic Center Park – including its water features – will be replaced with the structures (Tribune photo).

Another giant step toward a giant change in the city's central core was taken by the Garden Grove City Council at its meeting on Tuesday night.

On a 7-0 vote, the council approved a resolution to issue \$140 million in revenue bonds to finance the construction of the "Civic Center Revitalization Project," which includes the construction of a new police facility, an attached parking garage and the creation of a new park nearby.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$152 million. A total of \$12 million was set aside in 2021-22 to begin the planning phase of the project with the balance of \$140 million will be paid through the sale of bonds.

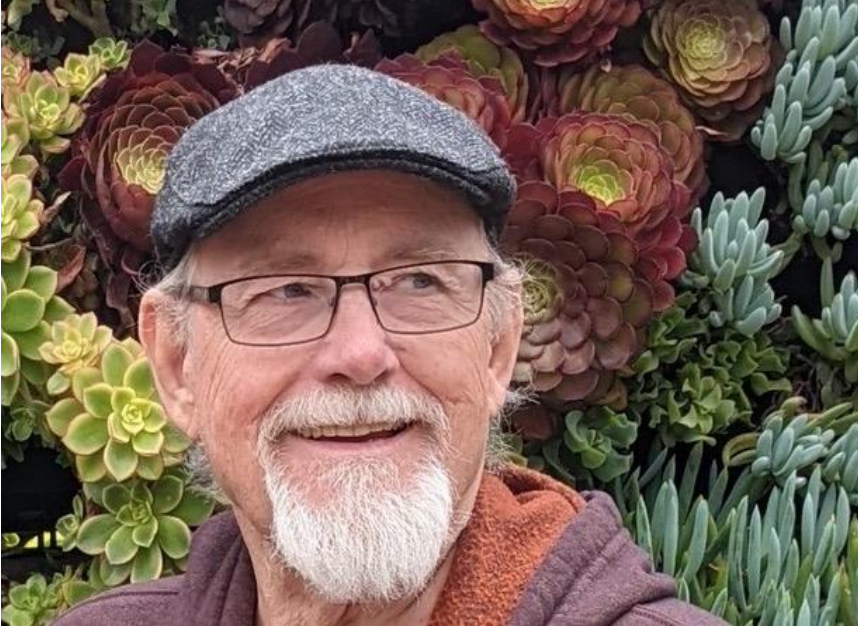
Annual debt service of \$9 million is projected for the next five years.

The new police building will be located at the corner of Acacia Parkway and Euclid Street in the civic center-downtown area of the city. The existing Civic Center Park will be torn up, including the water elements and bridges created around 1980.

The next meeting of the council will be on Tuesday, April 23.

Celebrating life of Tom Bradac

April 8, 2024



A celebration of life for Thomas "Tom" Bradac, a long-time theatrical producer, director and actor in Garden Grove and Orange County, will be held on Tuesday, April 23.

The event will be held at the Garden Amphitheatre, 12762 Main St., Garden Grove at 1:30 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served and the dress code is "colorful."

Bradac, a Garden Grove resident, oversaw the renovation of the historic Gem Theater from a closed neighborhood movie house into a venue for live theater.

He established the Grove Theater Center (which later included what was originally called the Festival Amphitheater) and the Grove Shakespeare Festival.

Bradac was also the founder of Shakespeare Orange County and was a professor of theater at Chapman University in Orange.

To RSVP, e-mail alyssa.bradac@gmail.com or caitlin.bradac@gmail.com.

Cheerleaders and construction bonds on city council agenda

April 5, 2024



GARDEN GROVE HIGH won the CIF-SS Division 4AA traditional competitive cheer title (GGUSD photo).

On Tuesday night, it will be the cheerleaders who get cheered.

At the Garden Grove City Council meeting, the "Community Spotlight" will be the Garden Grove High School cheer team, which will be honored for winning the 2024 CIF-SS Division 4AA traditional competitive cheer championship.

Monica Evans, coach of the Argonauts, named Coach of the Year for Division 4AA, and three girls from Grove – Sydney Loeff, Jillian Rosales and Han Le – were named all-CIF for Division 4AA.

Also on the agenda is a public hearing on the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$140 million for the design and construction of the "Civic Center Revitalization Project," which includes a new police building, an attached parking structure a "re-imagined" Civic Center Park and demolition of the existing police facility.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$152 million. A total of \$12 million was set aside in 2021-22 to begin the planning phase of the project the balance of \$140 million will be paid through the sale of bonds.

Also before the council will be a contract worth \$86,400 with CBRE to provide commercial management and leasing services for the property located at 12966 Euclid St. (at Garden Grove Boulevard).

The council will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Meeting Center, 11300 Stanford Ave.

Tuyên dương những sinh viên Đại học tại thành phố Garden Grove

5/4/2024

Thành phố Garden Grove sẽ có buổi lễ tuyên dương những sinh viên đại học sống tại Garden Grove cho thành tích học tập của họ. Cư dân hiện cư ngụ tại thành phố và đang theo học đại học, hoặc sẽ ra trường trong mùa học 2024 sắp tới có thể đăng ký tham gia vào chương trình 'Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception' được tổ chức vào Thứ Ba, 25 tháng Sáu, 2024. Hạn chót để nộp đơn là Thứ Hai, 3 tháng Sáu, 2024 trên website ggcity.org/grads.

Các sinh viên undergraduate, post-graduate, hoặc sắp ra trường mùa học 2024 đồng thời là cư dân sống trong Garden Grove có thể liên lạc với Thành phố để tham gia chương trình này hoàn toàn miễn phí và nhận được những biểu dương cùng phần quà lưu niệm từ các nhà tài trợ.

Thành phố cũng cảm ơn nhà tài trợ chính cho chương trình, Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim South, Garden Grove Unified School District, Astro Orthodontics, Thirsty Cow Korean Barbeque cùng những nhà mạnh thường quân khác đã đồng hành cùng chương trình.

Chương trình hoàn toàn miễn phí. Xem thông tin cập nhật tại ggcity.org/grads, hoặc theo dõi trên Facebook tại Garden Grove City Hall, Instagram #gardengrovegrads. Hoặc có thể liên lạc ban thông tin cộng đồng tại communityrelations@ggcity.org hoặc (714) 741-5280.

NGUOI-VIET DAILY NEWS

Garden Grove phát phân bón miễn phí cho cư dân

8/4/2024

GARDEN GROVE, California (NV) – Cư dân của Garden Grove có thể tới lấy phân bón miễn phí để làm đẹp thêm khu vườn của nhà mình trong dịp "Compost Giveaway" hằng năm vào ngày Thứ Bảy, 13 Tháng Tư, từ 8 giờ sáng đến 10 giờ 30 phút sáng tại Garden Grove Municipal Service Center, 13802 Newhope Street, Garden Grove, CA 92843, thông cáo báo chí của thành phố cho biết.

Các phương tiện di chuyển phải đi vào từ phía sau Municipal Service Center, trên đường A Better Way, có thể lái vô được từ đường Anabel Street.

Hằng năm Sở Vệ Sinh và công ty Republic Services muốn cảm ơn cư dân thành phố đã tham gia chương trình "Tái Chế Rác Hữu Cơ" (Organics Recycling) theo quy định của tiểu bang, yêu cầu cư dân và doanh nghiệp tái chế các loại rác thải thực phẩm, giấy dơ dính thực phẩm, và rác sân vườn bỏ vào thùng rác hữu cơ.

Phân bón sẽ được phát miễn phí cho cư dân trong vùng, lên đến 60 gallon mỗi xe.

Cư dân muốn lấy phân bón xin mang theo xô hay thùng để đựng (xin đừng mang túi nylon hoặc bịch giấy).

Muốn biết thêm chi tiết, xin vào trang web ggcity.org/organics.



Phân bón chuẩn bị cho cư dân. (Hình minh họa: City of Garden Grove)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS
April 11, 2024

1. Calendar of Events
2. Agenda for the April 18, 2024 Garden Grove Planning Commission Meeting.
3. Minutes for the April 11, 2024 Garden Grove Zoning Administrator Meeting.
4. League of California Cities articles from April 5, 2024 to April 11, 2024.
5. SCAG Regional Council Newsletter



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 11, 2024 – May 16, 2024

Thursday	April 11	11:00 a.m.	State of the City, Hyatt Regency Orange County 11999 Harbor Blvd.
		9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission Meeting, CMC CANCELLED
Saturday	April 13	8:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.	Garden Grove Resident Compost Giveaway Municipal Service Center, 13802 Newhope St.
Thursday	April 18	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day
Friday	April 19		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Tuesday	April 23	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Housing Authority, CMC Sanitary District Board, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	April 25	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
		6:00 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Arts Commission SPECIAL Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 2	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC
Friday	May 3		City Hall Closed – Regular Friday Closure
Thursday	May 9	9:00 a.m.	Zoning Administrator Meeting, CMC
Tuesday	May 14	5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Closed Session, CMC Successor Agency Meeting, CMC City Council Meeting, CMC
Thursday	May 16	7:00 p.m.	Planning Commission Meeting, CMC \$2 Coaches Casual Dress Day



A G E N D A

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION

APRIL 18, 2024 - 7:00 PM

COMMUNITY MEETING CENTER
11300 STANFORD AVENUE

Meeting Assistance: Any person requiring auxiliary aids and services, due to a disability, to address the Planning Commission, should contact the Community Development Department at (714) 741-5312 or email planning@ggcity.org 72 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for special accommodations. (Government Code §5494.3.2).

Agenda Item Descriptions: Are intended to give a brief, general description of the item. The Planning Commission may take legislative action deemed appropriate with respect to the item and is not limited to the recommended action indicated in staff reports or the agenda.

Documents/Writings: Any revised or additional documents/writings related to an item on the agenda distributed to all or a majority of the Planning Commission within 72 hours of a meeting, are made available for public inspection at the same time (1) in the Planning Services Division Office at 11222 Acacia Parkway, Garden Grove, CA 92840, during normal business hours; and (1) at the Community Meeting Center at the time of the meeting.

Public Comments: Members of the public who attend the meeting in-person and would like to address the Planning Commission are requested to complete a yellow speaker card indicating their name and address, and identifying the subject matter they wish to address. This card should be given to the Recording Secretary before the meeting begins. General comments are made during "Oral Communications" and are limited to three (3) minutes and to matters the Planning Commission has jurisdiction over. Persons wishing to address the Planning Commission regarding a Public Hearing matter will be called to the podium at the time the matter is being considered. Members of the public who wish to comment on matters before the Commission, in lieu of doing so in person, may submit comments by emailing public-comment@ggcity.org no later than 3:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. The comments will be provided to the Commission as part of the meeting record.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE MEETING.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

ROLL CALL: CHAIR LINDSAY, VICE CHAIR RAMIREZ
COMMISSIONERS ARBGAST, CUEVA, CUNNINGHAM, LARICCHIA,
PAREDES

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - PUBLIC
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [March 21, 2024](#)
- C. PUBLIC HEARING(S) (Authorization for the Chair to execute Resolution shall be included in the motion.)

C.1. [CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-259-2024](#)

APPLICANT: FREEDOMHOUSE OC (JOSIAH SILVA)
LOCATION: SOUTHWEST CORNER OF KATELLA AVENUE AND
EUCLID STREET AT 10912 KATELLA AVENUE

REQUEST: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new religious facility, including church services, an accredited bible college, and a child day care, all within an existing 46,287 square foot tenant space. The site is in the NMU (Neighborhood Mixed Use) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of Conditional Use Permit No. CUP-259-2024, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

C.2. [MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM
AMENDMENT NO. A-040-2024
PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT NO. PUD-019-2024
SITE PLAN NO. SP-136-2024
VARIANCE NO. V-042-2024
VESTING TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. TT-19298](#)

APPLICANT: OLSON URBAN HOUSING, LLC
LOCATION: EAST SIDE OF NEWHOPE STREET, NORTH OF GARDEN
GROVE BOULEVARD, AT 12828 NEWHOPE STREET

REQUEST: A request that the Planning Commission recommend City Council approval of a zoning map amendment, residential Planned Unit Development, and related entitlements for a proposed 15-unit multiple-family residential project on an approximately 0.88-acre site. The specific land use entitlement approvals requested include the following: (i) zoning map amendment to re-zone the subject property from R-1 (Single-Family Residential) to residential Planned Unit Development (PUD-019-2024) zoning with an R-3 (Multiple-Family Residential) base zone; (ii) residential Planned Unit Development to facilitate the development of the project; (iii) Site Plan approval to construct fifteen (15) three-story detached homes along with associated site improvements; (iv) a Vesting Tentative Tract Map to create a one-lot subdivision for the purpose of selling each dwelling unit as a condominium; and (v) a Variance to deviate from the minimum property size to establish a residential Planned Unit Development.

The Planning Commission will also consider a recommendation that the City Council adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and an associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the project.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approval of Amendment No. A-040-2024, Planned Unit Development No. PUD-019-2024, Site Plan No. SP-136-2024, Variance No. V-042-2024, and Vesting Tentative Tract Map No. TT-19298, to City Council, pursuant to the recommended Conditions of Approval.

- D. MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS
- E. MATTERS FROM STAFF
- F. ADJOURNMENT

GARDEN GROVE PLANNING COMMISSION
Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Arbgast
Commissioner Cueva
Commissioner Cunningham
Commissioner Laricchia
Commissioner Lindsay
Commissioner Paredes
Commissioner Ramirez

Absent: Lindsay, Paredes

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Commissioner Cunningham

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC – None

March 7, 2024 MINUTES:

Action: Received and filed.

Motion: Arbgast Second: Laricchia

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia, Ramirez

Noes: (0) None

Absent: (2) Lindsay, Paredes

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-255-2024 AND INTERPRETATION OF USE NO. IOU-005-2024 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED WEST OF MAGNOLIA STREET, BETWEEN CHAPMAN AVENUE AND GARDEN GROVE BOULEVARD, AT 12191-12211 MAGNOLIA STREET

Applicant: SR. GRACE DUC LE

Date: March 21, 2024

Request: A request for Interpretation of Use approval to determine that Adult Day Services use, including Adult Day Program (ADP) and Adult Day Health Care (ADHC), is permitted in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone district, subject to a Conditional Use Permit, and subject to the conditions that it is incidental to the operation of a Church and Other

Religious Center and is located along, and has access from, a major or primary arterial street. In conjunction with the Interpretation of Use request, the applicant also requests Conditional Use Permit approval to allow the continued operation of an existing religious facility, Lambertian Ministry Center, and an existing Preschool and Afterschool Program, and to introduce, and allow, the operation of a new Adult Day Health Care facility collectively on a property located at 12191-12211 Magnolia Street. The site is in the R-1 (Single-Family Residential) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Planning Commission will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Resolution No. 6084-24 was approved.

Motion: Cunningham Second: Arbgast

Ayes: (5) Arbgast, Cueva, Cunningham, Laricchia, Ramirez
Noes: (0) None
Absent: (2) Lindsay, Paredes

MATTERS FROM COMMISSIONERS: Vice Chair Ramirez mentioned that a remnant parcel on Gilbert Street, has weeds in the landscape setback, and asked staff to look into the matter as well as the fencing. Staff would contact Code Enforcement in regard to the issue.

MATTERS FROM STAFF: Staff noted the April 4th meeting would be cancelled and gave a brief description of the agenda items for the April 18th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:23 p.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary

GARDEN GROVE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR MEETING
Garden Grove Community Meeting Center
11300 Stanford Avenue, Garden Grove, CA 92840

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-256-2024

Applicant: Young Park
Location: 8100 Garden Grove Boulevard
Date: April 11, 2024

Request: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to allow an existing adult day health care to expand and operate within two existing commercial buildings with a combined building area of 13,530 square feet. Also, a request to revoke Conditional Use Permit Nos. CUP-188-2020 (REV. 2021) and CUP-208-2021, which previously governed the use of the property. The site is in the GGMU-1 (Garden Grove Boulevard Mixed Use 1) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15301 - Existing Facilities - of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Hyung Jin Seo

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1849-24.

PUBLIC HEARING – CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. CUP-258-2024

Applicant: Joseph Maggiore (Copper Belle, Inc.)
Location: 12155 Valley View Street
Date: April 11, 2024

Request: A request for Conditional Use Permit approval to operate a new restaurant with a new original State Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Type "41" (On-Sale, Beer & Wine, Eating Place) License. The site is in the PUD-104-73 (REV. 2018/REV. 2021) (Planned Unit Development) zone. In conjunction with the request, the Zoning Administrator will also consider a determination that the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Action: Public Hearing Held. Speaker(s): Joseph Maggiore
One letter was submitted by Benjamin Ghiora.

Zoning Administrator Minutes

Action: The Zoning Administrator adopted Decision No. 1850-24.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Zoning Administrator adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Judith Moore
Recording Secretary



Attending the 2024 City Leaders Summit? Here's what to expect

Apr 10, 2024

By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor, and Amanda Cadelago, senior marketing and communications manager

In just one week, close to 400 city officials from throughout the state will convene in Sacramento for Cal Cities' biggest advocacy event: the [City Leaders Summit](#). Whether you plan to advocate for top city priorities, engage in educational sessions — or both — here's what you need to know about the summit.

[Get briefed on advocacy priorities](#)

The summit kicks off on April 17 with a walkthrough of Cal Cities' top [advocacy priorities](#). That afternoon, city officials can also join other local leaders, state lawmakers, and policy experts for granular looks at retail theft, homelessness, and threats to fiscal sustainability. That evening, city officials can take a break at a legislative reception with the California State Association of Counties, hosted by Cal Cities Partners.

Be sure to check in and grab your summit badge upon arrival. Individuals without badges will not be able to enter educational sessions and receptions. Equally important to note: Cal Cities will not provide lunch on the first day. If you want to stay at the convention center, lunch will be available for purchase at a food truck in the SAFE Credit Union Convention Center Plaza.

[Discover solutions and strategies for local challenges](#)

Thursday and Friday will feature educational sessions on statewide topics, including redistricting, reducing homelessness, artificial intelligence, the cannabis industry, and community engagement.

The summit will also feature two exciting keynote presentations. On Thursday, Vincent Phipps, a communication and emotional intelligence specialist, will help city officials better their communication skills. Closing out the summit is Tyler Enslin, an entrepreneur who will teach city officials how to increase their memory skills.

Celebrate cities!

Join Cal Cities in celebrating [California Cities Week](#) at the summit. The weeklong celebration, April 14-20, recognizes the work cities do to for all Californians. During the summit, there will be opportunities to boost awareness about the value of cities, as well as honor the people — city officials like YOU — who work tirelessly to deliver essential services.

Want to prep before the summit?

Printed packets with key information — including Cal Cities' state budget ask and the top bills impacting cities — will be distributed during the summit. However, you can start prepping for your meetings today by reviewing previous *Cal Cities Advocate* articles.

Cal Cities Advocate has featured articles about Gov. Gavin Newsom's proposed budget, Cal Cities' 12 sponsored bills, and the top bills in each issue area. Cal Cities also has a [weekly primer](#) on the bills and committee hearings with a direct impact on cities.

What else do I need to know?

After the summit, the Cal Cities Board of Directors will meet to discuss new policy positions and other organizational priorities, including a [key retail theft bill](#). Check out the April 24 issue of *Cal Cities Advocate* to learn about the meeting's outcomes.

Online registration for the summit has ended, but officials can still register on-site if space is available. Registration for all three days starts at \$650 for city officials from any [member city](#). Summit registration includes admission to all educational sessions, the Wednesday reception, Thursday breakfast and lunch, Friday breakfast, and access to all program materials. *City officials arriving early can attend a rally and press conference in opposition to the Taxpayer Deception Act. Contact your [regional public affairs manager](#) for information. This is a campaign activity. Please refrain from using public resources for campaign activities.*



Bad labor bills brought back from the dead

Apr 10, 2024

It's not all doom and gloom though

By Johnnie Pina, legislative affairs lobbyist, and Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor

History, some argue, repeats itself. So too does the California Legislature. Lawmakers have reintroduced several vetoed measures that would strain local services and budgets. But it's not all bad news for cities.

Remote meetings and ethics training

First, the good news. Cal Cities and other local government associations are co-sponsoring [AB 817 \(Pacheco\)](#), which would make it easier for people to serve on local advisory bodies, boards, and commissions. The narrowly tailored measure would allow members of local nondecision-making legislative bodies to participate in online public meetings without posting their location and without allowing the public into a private location — just like [their state counterparts](#). AB 817 would build on pandemic-era rules that helped boost accessibility and reduce ongoing [recruitment and retention challenges](#). The bill includes a 2026 sunset date and requires an in-person location for public comment. It does not include an in-person quorum requirement for members, as this would place a disproportionate burden on the people the bill is trying to help.

Another measure, [AB 2631 \(Fong\)](#), would help keep a state-mandated ethics course [online](#) for local officials. Many local officials rely on this resource to meet their training requirements. However, the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) may no longer be able to provide the program due to budget restraints. The bill — co-sponsored by Cal Cities, the FPPC, and others — would statutorily require the FPPC to continue providing this resource.

Vetoed measures rise back up

Now the bad news. Legislators have revived several vetoed measures opposed by Cal Cities. [AB 2404 \(Lee\)](#) would make sympathy striking and honoring the picket line a human right. This would allow nearly any city employee to strike regardless of their job duties and in doing so, undermine government services — especially in rural areas where services are co-located. The measure is similar to last year's [AB 504 \(Reyes\)](#), which [Gov. Gavin Newsom vetoed](#). Although this new bill contains helpful amendments from last year's introduced bill, it goes well beyond what is allowed for primary strikes and risks the public's health and safety.

Another measure, [SB 1116 \(Portantino\)](#), would allow striking workers to draw unemployment benefits after two weeks. This would create serious downward pressure on local and state budgets. The Governor echoed Cal Cities' arguments last year when he vetoed [SB 799 \(Portantino, 2023\)](#) saying, "Now is not the time to increase costs or incur this sizable debt." [AB 2421 \(Low\)](#) would restrict an employer's ability to conduct internal investigations to the detriment of employees and the public. Among other things, the bill could limit investigations into workplace harassment, misconduct, and safety, silence witnesses, create one-sided protections for workers that go beyond attorney-client privilege, and impend public health responses. The measure also lacks guardrails to prevent potential conflicts of interest. When former Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed a similar measure in 2013, he noted it would put a union agent on equal footing with one's spouse, priest, doctor, or lawyer.

Other notable workplace bills

Top of mind for both employers and some lawmakers is employee burnout. But a bill introduced by Asm. Tina McKinnor focuses on the wrong factors.

[AB 2561](#) would require local agencies to produce, implement, and publish plans to reduce union vacancy rates that exceed 10% for over six months. The bill notably omits state agencies, which have had a 10% vacancy rate for at least two decades. Although many specialized positions have high vacancy rates — such as behavioral health professionals and police — this is due to external factors, [such as harassment](#) or a shift to remote work.

Cal Cities opposes the measure. Adding another mandate will not reduce staff vacancies. It may even lead to more burnout, as staff spend their time producing reports. Solving this problem requires investments from educational institutions, all levels of government, and the private sector.

What's next?

Bills are now winding their way through policy committees and to appropriations. Legislators in both houses have until April 26 to get any bills with notable fiscal impacts through appropriations. Policy committee hearings are great opportunities for city officials to voice their support or opposition to a particular bill.

For more information about the biggest bill developments each week, check out Cal Cities' recurring [State Bills in Brief](#) series.



Lawmakers eye changes to the ‘builder’s remedy’ and development fees

Apr 10, 2024

By Brady Guertin, *legislative affairs lobbyist*, and Jason Rhine, *director of legislative affairs*

Lawmakers for the past few years have focused on tweaking local zoning laws — often to the chagrin of cities updating their housing elements. But this year, they’re focused on areas with farther-reaching consequences: the so-called "builder’s remedy" and [development fees](#).

Builder’s remedy changes

Cities work with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to draft housing plans that encourage housing at all income levels. These complex plans take years to develop and include lengthy outreach and environmental reviews.

Cities make great efforts to ensure that their plans substantially comply with the law, even if HCD disagrees. The law acknowledges this by allowing cities to self-certify their housing plan or have a judge make the final determination.

[AB 1886 \(Alvarez\)](#) would end self-certification and encourage developers to pursue builder’s remedy projects. This once-obscure provision allows developers to bypass local zoning laws if a city does not have a compliant housing element and if the project includes a certain number of low-income units.

The recently amended [AB 1893 \(Wicks\)](#) also proposes [several changes](#) to the provision. It would reduce the number of required affordable units to 10% and exempt small developments from the requirement entirely. It would also clarify where these projects can go and establish size, density, and permit processing standards.

Cal Cities has raised many concerns about both measures. It has taken an oppose position on AB 1886 and an oppose unless amended position on AB 1893.

Possible fee fiasco

Development fees are also in the limelight, both at the [state](#) and [federal levels](#). California has the highest impact fees in the nation, in part because local governments cannot raise property taxes. With very few ways to fund services, they must rely on impact fees to build new roads, sewer lines, fire stations, and even affordable housing.

Under [AB 1820 \(Schiavo\)](#), cities would have to provide an itemized list and the total sum of all fees and exactions for a project during the preliminary application process within 20 days of a developer's request. This is long before a city can determine which fees apply to the project. Cal Cities supports transparency and predictability when assessing development fees. However, AB 1820 is unworkable in its current form and will result in an inability to provide essential infrastructure and services. Cal Cities will oppose the measure unless the author provides a longer timeline, clarifies which fees it affects, and states that such estimations are nonbinding.

Other bills to watch

Lawmakers are also debating [AB 1657 \(Wicks\)](#), a \$10 billion affordable housing bond slated for the November 2024 ballot. The Cal Cities-supported measure would help fund the state's oversubscribed multifamily housing program, affordable housing programs, supportive services, eviction and displacement protection, and federal housing vouchers.

Cal Cities is opposing [SB 1037 \(Wiener\)](#), a measure that would allow the state attorney general to take legal action against a city. The attorney general could seek fines up to \$50,000 a month if a city fails to adopt a compliant housing element or disregards state laws that require ministerial approval of certain housing projects. SB 1037 is extreme and a significant departure from existing law as it would apply to cities genuinely acting in good faith.

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State Bills in Brief: April 10-17

Apr 10, 2024

A weekly primer on the bills and committee hearings that have a direct impact on cities

By Brian Hendershot, Cal Cities Advocate managing editor. Additional contributions by the Cal Cities Advocacy Team

Welcome back to State Bills in Brief, a weekly primer on the biggest bills for city leaders and legislative deadlines happening each week at the Capitol. From attacks on city revenue to puzzling prohibitions on electric fence bans, there's a lot to dislike in this session. But there's also plenty to love, including action on runaway autonomous vehicles, streamlined emergency responses, and recovery home reform.

Before you dive in, a brief reminder of how each section works. The "hot bills" section is about the measures with the biggest potential impact on cities. These are the bills that city leaders need to be hyper-focused on. If your city can only act on a few bills, consider making these bills a priority. We'll likely need your support (or opposition) as the year goes on.

Next are "priority bills." These bills may have less of an impact, but they are still extremely important to many, or even all, cities. Last is the "Other bills to watch" section, which may not show up each week. We're monitoring these bills for any potential changes, but they will likely have a small, limited impact on cities — if at all. Anything can change though, which means these measures could be hot bills.

We'll update this series throughout the year in response to members' needs and feedback. To share feedback about this story, please email [Brian Hendershot](mailto:brian.hendershot@calcitiesadvocate.com), managing editor for *Cal Cities Advocate*.

Hot bills

Lawmakers are debating property tax exemptions and other local revenue "reforms" over the next few days, along with changes to recovery housing, wildfire preparedness, and the state's organic waste law.

Well-intended 'granny flat' bill leaves cities holding the bag

- **Robbing Peter to pay Paul.** [SB 1164 \(Newman\)](#) would exempt new accessory dwelling units (ADU) from property tax assessment for 15 years if the owner makes a "good faith

effort” to ensure the unit will be used as residential housing. Cal Cities opposes the measure.

- **Unfounded claim.** The author argues that an increase in property tax is a “substantial disincentive” to the construction of new ADUs. The numbers do not back this claim up.
- **When was the bill heard?** April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Retroactive sales tax “reform”

- **A blanket ban.** [SB 1494 \(Glazer\)](#) would prohibit cities from entering a sales tax rebate agreement with a retailer starting next year and void all existing agreements on Jan. 1, 2030. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **New Cal Cities policy.** A diverse group of city managers and the Cal Cities Board approved a new sales tax rebate agreement policy last year. It calls for a cap on the duration of such agreements and the percentage of sales tax that can be rebated, enhanced transparency and public review, and equitable changes to county pool calculations.
- **When is the hearing?** April 17 at 9 a.m. in the Senate Local Government Committee.

Development fee restrictions would restrict critical services

- **What would the bill do?** [AB 1820 \(Schiavo\)](#) would require cities to provide an itemized list during the preliminary application process within 20 days of a developer’s request. Cal Cities will oppose the measure unless the author provides a longer timeline, clarifies which fees it affects, and states that such estimations are nonbinding.
- **Why it matters.** Local governments cannot raise property taxes. With very few ways to fund services, they must rely on impact fees to build new roads, sewer lines, fire stations, and even affordable housing.
- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

A \$50,000 monthly fine for cities

- **What now?!** [SB 1037 \(Wiener\)](#) would allow the state attorney general to ask a court to fine a city that fails to adopt a compliant housing element or disregards state laws that require ministerial approval of certain housing projects.
- **Can’t the attorney general already take legal action?** SB 1037 is an extreme departure from existing law as it would apply to cities genuinely acting in good faith. Even those cities would need to pay the attorney general for all investigating and prosecuting costs. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **When is the hearing?** April 16 at 1:30 PM in the Senate Housing Committee.

Recovery housing moves forward

- **A Cal Cities-sponsored measure.** [SB 913 \(Umberg\)](#) would allow cities to collaborate with the state to investigate and enforce existing recovery home licensing laws.
- **Why it matters.** Residential recovery housing provides a range of benefits to some of California’s most vulnerable residents. Their needs must be prioritized [over profits](#).
- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Health Committee.

A voluntary, streamlined path for wildfire preparedness

- **A Cal Cities-sponsored measure.** [AB 2330 \(Holden\)](#) would streamline the process for vegetation removal and fuel management in Fire Hazard Severity Zones near urban communities. Long timelines are delaying local efforts in areas most at risk of catastrophic wildfires.
- **Back-to-back wildfire records.** The size and severity of wildfires in California have increased, with seven of the 20 largest wildfires and the top two most destructive wildfires occurring over the past seven years. This bill would create a pathway for cities to conduct wildlife management and uphold environmental laws in a reasonable timeline.

- **When is the next hearing?** April 23 at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee.

Cal Cities-sponsored measure would help reduce methane emissions

- **Bill changes.** Sen, Dave Min is amending [SB 972 \(Min\)](#) to require CalRecycle to strengthen its assistance efforts for cities actively working to reduce organic waste in landfills and methane emissions. The agency would also need to report back to the Legislature on the organic waste diversion progress and how to better align the law with the state’s other climate goals.
- **Missed milestone.** A [2023 report](#) found that the amount of organic waste in landfills increased by a million tons between 2014 and 2020, a trend at odds with the goal of reducing methane emissions.
- **When is the next hearing?** April 24 at 9 a.m. in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee.

Priority bills

Lawmakers are acting on a host of housing, environmental, and retail theft measures.

A slowing economy doesn’t have to mean slowing construction

- **A new California Housing Finance Agency program.** [AB 2665 \(Lee\)](#) would create a zero-interest loan program for some affordable housing projects. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Why?** There simply isn’t enough money for affordable housing. Many projects are permitted and shovel-ready. They just need funding.
- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 9 a.m. in the Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee.

Costly conservation connectivity

- **More planning mandates.** [AB 1889 \(Friedman\)](#) would require cities to include a wildlife connectivity element in their conservation element. Cal Cities opposes the measure unless it is amended.
- **It could be better.** As drafted, the bill would create an unworkable timeline for cities. It’s also potentially duplicative. A pending measure in the Assembly would require the state to conduct such mapping.
- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Even more development fee changes

- **A similar approach.** [SB 937 \(Wiener\)](#) would only allow local agencies to collect fees for public improvements or facilities on residential developments after the final inspection certificate of occupancy. Cal Cities opposes the bill unless it is amended.
- **It’s less bad though.** Cal Cities is urging the author to clarify when cities can collect permit fees and require a bond or letter of credit if the developer does not pay fees until the final inspection, among other amendments.
- **When is the hearing?** April 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Housing Committee.

Manufacturing incentives

- **An investment in major economic drivers.** [AB 2922 \(Garcia\)](#) would allow cities to offer tax breaks and other incentives that attract manufacturing facilities, like biotechnology, to their communities until 2035. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Why it matters.** These programs have attracted investment from key industries, stimulated local economies, and enhanced the quality of life for residents.

- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Closing the infrastructure funding gap

- **How would it work?** [SB 955 \(Seyarto\)](#) would establish a grant program to help cities complete certain infrastructure projects. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Lots of potholes. Not enough money.** Due to decades of changes to tax laws, local governments have seen a steady erosion of the tax base. The Governor’s budget also includes nearly \$3 billion in cuts to funds for state and local transportation projects.
- **When is the hearing?** April 15 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Repeat retail theft

- **Meaningful consequences.** [SB 923 \(Archuleta\)](#) would reinstitute penalties for repeat theft eliminated by Prop. 47. If passed, the bills would go to voters for approval. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Why it matters.** Commercial burglary increased statewide since 2020, especially in larger counties with an increase of 13% among 14 of the 15 largest counties.
- **When is the hearing?** April 16 at 8:30 a.m. in the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Two other retail theft measures

- **Coercing minors.** [AB 2406 \(Davies\)](#) would make it a crime to cause, promote, employ, use, persuade, induce, or coerce a minor under 18 years of age to engage in specified theft-related offenses.
- **Defining the crime.** [AB 2790 \(Pacheco\)](#) would define organized retail theft to include acting in concert with one or more persons to steal specified types of merchandise with the intent to sell those items.
- **When are the hearings?** April 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

More action on fentanyl

- **Stiffer penalties.** [AB 3171 \(Soria\)](#) would increase the penalties for holding smaller quantities of fentanyl.
- **An ongoing crisis.** Fentanyl overdoses now kill nearly [6,000 people](#) in California every year.
- **When are the hearings?** April 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

Better behavioral health bed data

- **A familiar measure.** [SB 1017 \(Eggman\)](#) would require state agencies to formalize data collection processes to identify the availability of inpatient and residential behavioral health beds. As in years past, Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Why it matters.** Treating mental illness and substance use, like many other health conditions, works best when done early and with appropriate support and services.
- **When is the hearing?** April 15 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Expediting homeless responses

- **A familiar approach.** [SB 1361 \(Blakespear\)](#) would clarify that homeless response programs are exempt from the t from the California Environmental Quality Act — just like homeless shelters. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **We need to address this crisis rapidly.** SB 1361 would help give local agencies another tool to speed up the arrival of these lifesaving services.
- **When is the hearing?** April 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Housing Committee.

Pay-to-build inspections

- **An ethical nightmare.** [AB 2433 \(Quirk-Silva\)](#) would allow applicants to pay for a third-party inspection during a construction project. Directly paying a “regulator” (a private individual in this case) creates biased results. Cal Cities opposes the measure unless it is amended.
- **But also:** Related laws and ordinances that jurisdictions must enforce change regularly. It is their responsibility to ensure that each project is built in a manner that complies with

those laws. A far better approach would be to focus on expediting the permitting process, like those already in place for broadband microtrenches.

- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Planning for future droughts

- **What would the bill do?** [SB 1330 \(Archuleta\)](#) would clarify several key provisions in the long-term water use standards under a [new water conservation law](#). This includes simplifying the processes to submit information, clarifying reporting dates, and extending deadlines since the regulations are two years behind the statutory deadline.
- **Why is this important?** Water use will be regulated through these new long-term water use standards. Water usage will need to go down over time for residential indoor and outdoor uses and commercial outdoor uses where there are meters in urban areas. The goal is to prevent mandatory water cuts during the next drought.
- **When is the next hearing?** April 23 at 9:00 a.m. in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee.

Landslides aren't just a Fleetwood Mac lyric

- **What does the bill do?** [SB 1461 \(Allen\)](#) would add landslide to the state definition of state of emergency or local emergency.
- **Why is this important?** Landslides can have a catastrophic impact on life, property, and infrastructure. With climate extremes sweeping the state, this is a proactive way to ensure emergency resources and funding can be readily available.
- **What is next for this bill?** The bill is recommended for the consent calendar in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Workforce development bill emphasizes climate action

- **Preventing tomorrow's tragedies today.** [AB 1922 \(Davies\)](#) would ensure the development of a properly trained workforce to further California's need to enhance disaster prevention, climate resiliency, and environmental mitigation in urban and rural communities. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **How?** The bill would direct the California Conservations Corps Director to establish the Green Collar Certification Program.
- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Organic waste recycling relief

- **How?** [AB 2311 \(Bennett\)](#) would expand an existing grant program to include edible food recovery projects. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Something to chew on.** State law requires that Californians recover 20% of edible food that would otherwise go to landfills by 2025.
- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Compost facility construction

- **More mulch.** [SB 1046 \(Laird\)](#) would expedite the construction of compost facilities needed to meet the state's organic waste recycling goals. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Why it matters.** California needs to add 50-100 new organic waste recycling facilities to meet its goal. A small state investment could speed these facilities up without compromising the stringency of environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act.
- **When is the hearing?** April 15 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Placing the responsibility for hazardous waste on producers

- **What does the bill do?** [SB 1143 \(Allen\)](#) would establish an extended producer responsibility (EPR) program for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Cal Cities supports the measure.

- **Why is this important?** SB 1143 would establish an EPR program for California's HHW collection and management system just like for [single-use plastics](#). Under the bill, cities would be reimbursed for the costs of running and bolstering HHW programs.
- **When is the hearing?** April 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Refillable propane cylinders

- **Trash talk is back.** [SB 1280 \(Laird\)](#) would require one-pound propane cylinders sold in the state to be reusable or refillable. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **A rise in single-use products.** Small propane cylinders are very expensive for local governments to manage, and it is nearly impossible to know whether one is empty. Large propane cylinders are refillable, but most small cylinders are disposable products.
- **When is the hearing?** April 15 at 10 a.m. in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Shining a light on waste management

- **Proper marine flare waste disposal.** [SB 1066 \(Blakespear\)](#) would create a producer responsibility program to manage flares carried on recreational boats for use as visual distress signals. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **Put a price on it.** Flares can cost consumers from \$13- \$26 each. They generally cost local governments \$46 or more per flare for disposal.
- **When is the hearing?** April 16 at 1:30 p.m. in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Cal Cities-sponsored bill put cities in the driver's seat

- **What would the bill do?** [SB 915 \(Cortese\)](#) would allow cities to determine how autonomous vehicle services should be deployed in their communities. It would also allow local law enforcement and first responders to intervene when a driverless vehicle interrupts an emergency response.
- **Why it matters.** The state's haphazard approval of driverless vehicles sparked a backlash in San Francisco and elsewhere after a series of traffic snarls and accidents.
- **When is the next hearing?** April 17 at 9 a.m. in the Senate Local Government Committee.

A shocking ban

- **Missing the forest for the trees.** [AB 2371 \(Carrillo, Juan\)](#) would stop cities from banning electrified security fences in non-residential areas. Cal Cities opposes the measure unless the author amends the measure to account for new housing laws.
- **Electric fences are harmful!** While existing law may help establish minimum standards for installing electrified security fences, it cannot account for all circumstances that may require additional discretion.
- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Animal euthanasia

- **What is the bill approach?** [AB 2265 \(McCarty\)](#) would increase euthanasia in shelters to reduce overcrowding. Cal Cities opposes the measure.
- **The wrong approach.** Inflation, housing insecurity, a lack of pet-friendly housing, breed discrimination, and inaccessible veterinary care are forcing families to make difficult decisions about their ability to keep pets. There are simply better ways to reduce overcrowding, some of which are working their way through the Legislature.
- **When is the hearing?** April 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Business and Professions Committee.

Operate it or ticket

- **A safe, sensible solution.** [AB 2286 \(Aguilar-Curry\)](#) would require a human safety operator for the use of medium- and heavy-duty autonomous vehicles on public roads for testing purposes. Cal Cities supports the measure.
- **We still have the edge on robots.** Self-driving cars cannot predict and recognize risk quickly. There are simply not as quick a human brain. There are safety concerns about

heavy autonomous vehicles, especially those weighing many times that of the average passenger car.

- **When is the hearing?** April 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the Assembly Transportation Committee.

Cal Cities-sponsored ethics measure

- **It's one of the courses you take every two years.** [AB 2631 \(Fong\)](#) would ensure that an ethics training course remains free online indefinitely.
- **Why now?** The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) may no longer be able to provide the program due to budget restraints. Additionally, about 2,000 new agencies and several thousand agency officials will become subject to these training requirements starting in 2025.
- **When was the hearing?** April 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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Retail theft bills steal the spotlight during public safety hearing

Apr 10, 2024

Proposition 47 bills will not advance in the Assembly, says Assembly Speaker

By Jolena Voorhis, *legislative affairs lobbyist*, and Zack Cefalu, *legislative affairs analyst*
Assembly leaders this week announced a bipartisan retail theft package after months of back and forth with lawmakers, the Newsom Administration, and key stakeholders — including Cal Cities. The move came ahead of a critical vote in the Assembly Public Safety Committee.

Before the committee hearing, Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas held a press conference with several of his colleagues — including Public Safety Chair Kevin McCarty and Select Committee on Retail Theft Chair Rick Chavez Zbur — to unveil the package. It includes seven bills that would strengthen public safety, protect shoppers and businesses, and improve quality of life throughout the state. While none of these bills are new, some recently received major changes.

The Assembly's package answers the call from Gov. Gavin Newsom earlier this year for both houses to craft legislation that curbs retail theft.

Notably missing from the Assembly's package is any legislation that would amend Proposition 47. During the press conference, Speaker Rivas told reporters that he does not expect any bills that amend Prop. 47 to advance through the Assembly.

The Assembly proposal is a result of a bipartisan effort to reverse the rise in organized retail theft and smash-and-grab robberies that have gripped many communities. The package incorporates feedback from key stakeholders, including a coalition comprised of Cal Cities, business groups, and law enforcement.

Starting even [before this session](#), Cal Cities actively testified in committee hearings about how retail theft is impacting cities. Cal Cities is at the table discussing policy solutions and working collaboratively with partners and authors on the development of these bills.

[What made it through?](#)

All seven of the bills that make up the Assembly's package advanced out of the Assembly Public Safety Committee on Tuesday. The Assembly's main vehicle for comprehensive reform

is [AB 2943 \(Zbur and Rivas\)](#). The bill would create a new crime of “serial retail theft,” allow police to arrest shoplifters without witnessing the crime, and define how multiple acts of theft with multiple victims can be aggregated into a felony charge of grand theft.

Cal Cities’ formal position on AB 2943 is pending Board action. However, Cal Cities staff is working with the author and the Speaker’s office to ensure that cities’ concerns are met during the interim. Cal Cities testified in support of the other six measures that make up the Assembly’s package. This includes:

- [AB 1794 \(McCarty\)](#). Would allow prosecutors to aggregate multiple thefts with several victims.
- [AB 1779 \(Irwin\)](#). Would allow prosecutors to file charges for offenses committed in different counties.
- [AB 1972 \(Alanis\)](#). Would address cargo theft.
- [AB 3209 \(Berman\)](#). Would create a retail theft crime restraining order for convicted offenders.
- [AB 1960 \(Soria\)](#). Would impose stiffer penalties for property loss or damage that occurred during a felony.
- [AB 1802 \(Jones-Sawyer\)](#). Would eliminate the sunset date for the crime of organized retail theft that was chaptered in 2017.

Cal Cities also advocated on behalf of several other bills, including [AB 1990 \(Carrillo\)](#), [AB 2814 \(Low\)](#), [AB 1772 \(Ramos\)](#), and [AB 1845 \(Alanis\)](#). All four bills, which advanced out of committee, aim to reduce retail theft.

What’s next?

Cal Cities working with a strong group of partners that includes the California Police Chiefs Association and the California Retailers Association to ensure passage of the legislation. Lawmakers are eager to hear Cal Cities’ perspective. Stay tuned for additional updates as retail theft legislation moves through both houses, as well as ways city officials can get involved.



What's down the turnpike for transportation bills this year?

Apr 10, 2024

By Damon Conklin, *legislative affairs lobbyist*, and Brian Hendershot, *Cal Cities Advocate managing editor*

There's a lot for city officials to like in the 2024 lineup of new transportation legislation — and a few things to be puzzled by.

The good

Cal Cities is joining forces with the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council to co-sponsor [SB 915 \(Cortese\)](#). The bill would allow local officials to determine how autonomous vehicle services should be deployed in their communities — just like they [do for taxicabs](#) — if state agency approves operations. It would also allow local law enforcement and first responders to intervene when a driverless vehicle interrupts an emergency response.

The state's haphazard approval of driverless vehicles sparked a backlash in San Francisco and elsewhere after a series of traffic snarls and accidents. In one incident, a [Cruise vehicle](#) ran over and dragged a pedestrian. The San Francisco Fire Department indicated that autonomous vehicles interfered with emergency responders over 70 separate times in 2023.

In other positive transportation news, Cal Cities is urging lawmakers to pass [SB 1387 \(Newman\)](#). This bill would expand a key voucher program to medium-duty zero-emission pickup trucks. Many local agencies have expressed concerns about meeting the Advanced Clean Fleet's [2027 deadline](#) due to a frustrating lack of viable, affordable vehicles. SB 1387 could help cities meet this goal: The medium-duty segment represents over half of the entire American truck market.

Cal Cities is also supporting [SB 947 \(Sevarto\)](#). The bill would ensure state agencies follow through on their agreements for late-stage design changes to some major state transportation projects. The California Department of Transportation often makes major changes to these projects at the last minute, leading to substantial delays and increased costs for cities. SB 947 recognizes that local budgets and roadway conditions should not be held hostage by late-state design changes.

The puzzling

Cal Cities took the lead in opposing [SB 1418 \(Archuleta\)](#) and is working on a set of amendments that address city concerns. The measure would force every city to adopt a streamlined permitting process for hydrogen fueling stations. The bill usurps local decision-making and creates a one-size-fits-all approach — regardless of a city's resources or market conditions.

Currently, there are less than 70 hydrogen fueling stations in the state, with most clustered in Los Angeles County. Last month, there were more withdrawn permits than submitted permits, with only 18 pending for review across the state. Cal Cities has requested several changes,

including funding for the mandate, clarity about which clean energy projects officials should prioritize, and tying implementation to local demand.

Cal Cities is also opposing [AB 2744 \(McCarty\)](#), which would limit new right-turn lanes and only allow right turns on red if the car is in a dedicated right-turn lane. The National Motorists Association says that their data shows such incidents account for less than [two deaths every two years](#) in California. Others have noted that larger vehicles play a much bigger role in traffic fatalities. Critics of similar bans have noted their impact on buses and low-income commuters of color.

What's next?

Bills are now winding their way through policy committees and to appropriations. Legislators in both houses have until April 26 to get any bills with notable fiscal impacts through appropriations. Policy committee hearings are great opportunities for city officials to voice their support or opposition to a particular bill.

For more information about the biggest bill developments each week, check out Cal Cities' recurring [State Bills in Brief](#) series.

SPOTLIGHT

SCAG REGIONAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ABOUT

The Regional Council is the governing board of the Southern California Association of Governments and consists of 86 elected officials representing 191 cities, six counties, county transportation commissions, transportation corridor agencies, tribal governments and air districts in Southern California.

AGENDA

[Click here](#) for current and archived Regional Council meeting agendas.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE MEETING



Connect SoCal 2024 on [YouTube](#).

ACTION **CONNECT SOCIAL 2024 APPROVED**

The formal adoption of Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) by SCAG's Regional Council marks a significant milestone, putting forward a long-term vision for the future that balances mobility and housing needs with economic and environmental goals over the next 25 years.

If fully implemented, Connect SoCal 2024 would reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and improve the region's long-term economic viability through more than \$751 billion in transportation investments and a more sustainable regional development pattern. Of the investments identified in the plan, \$303 billion is specific to transit projects and operations, \$75 billion to state highway operations and maintenance, \$62 billion to goods movement and \$38 billion to active transportation.

Unique to this plan cycle, SCAG developed a set of Regional Planning Policies to guide decision-making in the region toward integrated land use and transportation planning and other goals in Connect SoCal 2024. Twenty-two policies—in areas such as complete streets, housing the region, air quality and workforce development—are included in the plan, created with direction from SCAG’s Regional Council, policy committees and special subcommittees. The plan also includes a detailed project list, and strategic investments to bridge local plans with overarching regional performance targets and goals.

The Regional Council also certified the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) on April 4. SCAG, as the Lead Agency, prepares a PEIR for the RTP/SCS in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The PEIR is a first-tier, programmatic document that provides a region-wide assessment of potential environmental impacts of Connect SoCal 2024 while complying with the requirements of the CEQA. Pursuant to CEQA, the PEIR considers regional planning and implementation strategies prior to application of CEQA mitigation measures that can avoid or reduce significant adverse environmental impacts of Connect SoCal 2024 and discusses two book-end alternatives that could feasibly avoid or substantially lessen any significant adverse environmental impacts of the plan while attaining most of the basic plan objectives. To view the certified PEIR for Connect SoCal 2024, [visit the PEIR website](#).

Stakeholder feedback and public consultation for both documents spanned two years, involving thousands of individual comments, hundreds of meetings and dozens of formal comment letters.

As work on Connect SoCal 2024 transitions to implementation, SCAG emphasizes the importance of collaboration at all levels to realize the plan’s transformative potential. From here, SCAG will pursue implementation through collaboration and policy leadership; federal funding administration; data collection, analysis and research; and local technical assistance resources. Visit the [Connect SoCal 2024 website](#) to subscribe to get involved in implementation and receive progress updates.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL APPROVES REGIONAL GUIDELINES FOR THE 2025 ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

At its April 2024 meeting, SCAG’s Regional Council approved Regional Guidelines for the 2025 Regional Active Transportation Program (ATP). The guidelines outline the process by which SCAG, in collaboration with the California Transportation Commission (CTC) and the six county transportation commissions within the SCAG region, will recommend funding awards for the 2025 Regional ATP, which will have an estimated \$118 million in available funding.

In addition to considering applications not funded in the statewide competition, SCAG’s Regional ATP includes more than \$10 million for a supplemental call for

projects administered through SCAG's [Sustainable Communities Program](#) - Active Transportation & Safety component (SCP-ATS). The SCP-ATS aims to align technical assistance with regional planning priorities and opportunities outlined in [Connect SoCal 2024](#). SCAG staff anticipate releasing the SCP-ATS call for projects this summer.

SCAG staff will continue to work with the region's county transportation commissions, the CTC, Caltrans and other partners to provide outreach to eligible applicants with information on ATP funding opportunities and technical assistance, resources and support to facilitate regional competitiveness. More details will be shared on the [SCAG website](#) as it becomes available.

ACTION

REGIONAL COUNCIL ADOPTS SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLEAN CITIES COALITION STRATEGIC PLAN

The completion of SCAG's inaugural [Clean Cities Coalition Strategic Plan](#) marks a pivotal step in the SCAG Clean Cities Coalition's mission to foster the transition toward cleaner fuels and vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality. Introduced in fiscal year 2024 as part of the coalition's annual work with the U.S. Department of Energy (U.S. DOE), this strategic plan leverages current and ongoing SCAG initiatives and aligns regional, state and federal objectives. The strategic plan also addresses the barriers to electrification of the transportation sector, such as cost and infrastructure, and outlines activities to shift the region to cleaner transportation. The strategic plan is intended to integrate with Connect SoCal 2024 regional priorities and strategies.

By approving the strategic plan on April 4, the SCAG Regional Council provides the SCAG region continued eligibility for exclusive U.S. DOE funding. For the next update to this plan, SCAG staff are planning to enhance stakeholder engagement through expanded participation and strengthened partnerships, reinforcing the coalition's commitment to dynamic growth and sustainable progress.

NEWS FROM THE PRESIDENT



PANEL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

There's still time to register for SCAG's 59th Annual Regional Conference and General Assembly at the JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa in Palm Desert from May 2-3.

[Register Now](#)

The Regional Conference and General Assembly is a unique opportunity to gather with regional elected officials and business and community leaders to collaborate on the region's transportation and housing challenges and improve the quality of life for all Southern Californians.

The agenda for the event is [now available online](#), with details of panels focused on implementing the vision laid out by the Connect SoCal 2024 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy:

- Transit Recovery and Beyond: Means, Methods and Better Mousetraps
- Running on Empty: Zero Emissions Vehicles and Transportation Funding
- Investing in Economic Resilience
- Creating Complete Communities

Online [registration](#) ends on April 26. Please note that the conference room rate for May 2 is sold out; [our website](#) includes information on additional accommodation options near the venue.



ADVOCATING FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IN SACRAMENTO

Regional Council President Art Brown led a delegation of SCAG leaders to Sacramento for the agency's annual Sacramento Summit on March 19-20. The trip focused on three important goals: 1) protecting the Regional Early Action Planning 2.0 grant program from [proposed budget cuts](#); 2) supporting Assembly Bill 2485, authored by Assemblymember Juan Carrillo (D-Palmdale) that would increase transparency and accuracy Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) determination process; and 3) honoring promises made to the Active Transportation Program and Infill Infrastructure Grant program that fund local infrastructure needs that support regional goals related to climate, housing and roadway safety.

The delegation also included First Vice President Curt Hagman (County of San Bernardino); Second Vice President Cindy Allen (Long Beach); Immediate Past President Jan Harnik (Riverside County Transportation Commission); Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee Chair Patricia Lock Dawson (Riverside) and Vice Chair Jose Luis Solache (Lynwood); Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee Chair Frank Yokoyama (Cerritos); and Regional Council members Wendy Bucknum (Mission Viejo), Jenny Crosswhite (Santa Paula), Clint Lorimore (Eastvale) and Ray Marquez (Chino Hills). Tracy Hernandez, founding chief executive officer of the Los Angeles County Business Federation, represented the GLUE Council. SCAG staff—including Executive Director Kome Ajise, Chief Operating Officer Darin Chidsey, Chief Planning Officer Sarah Jepson and Chief Government and Public Affairs Officer Javiera Cartagena—also attended the summit.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCAG RESPONDS TO U.S. EPA'S PROPOSED DISAPPROVAL OF AQMD AIR QUALITY PLAN

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) recently proposed a rejection of the South Coast Air Quality Management District's (AQMD) 2019 Contingency Measure Plan for the 1997 Federal Ozone Standard. In the past month, SCAG and the county transportation commissions in the region prepared and submitted a joint letter outlining the significant regional implications of this potential disapproval. The letter recommends that the U.S. EPA approve the air plan rather than proceeding with the proposed disapproval. As an alternative, the letter proposes a conditional or partial approval that supports meaningful partnerships and provides a practical pathway to resolve the underlying issues and to avoid highway sanctions.

If the issues raised by the U.S. EPA are not addressed within the 24-month period, a highway sanction and a federal air plan would be imposed in the South Coast Air Basin, which covers all of Orange County and the urbanized areas of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. A highway sanction would prevent impacted highway capacity projects from receiving federal approval or funding. The U.S. EPA must finalize its action by July 1.

SCAG staff at all levels are proactively addressing the proposed disapproval, but there are no easy solutions to resolve the underlying air plan issues and lift the highway sanction once imposed. SCAG will continue to proactively monitor, evaluate and consult with regional partners and report future developments to the Regional Council.

REAP 2.0 UPDATE

As previously reported, Governor Newsom's proposed draft fiscal year 2025 state budget would reduce SCAG's \$246 million REAP 2.0 allocation by 50 percent. SCAG staff have worked expeditiously to develop a program for the region and have already suballocated \$193 million of this award via formula-based and competitive programs. We continue to urge the governor to reconsider these cuts and are committed to our advocacy efforts. We have received strong support from our state leadership on this front—as was evident in our visit to Sacramento in March.

However, amid this uncertainty, SCAG planning staff are preparing for all potential scenarios. These suballocations support Connect SoCal implementation, and while we recognize the need for these projects, we face complex challenges in determining how to move forward.

SCAG planning staff presented concepts for a phased, four-year expenditure plan to the Executive/Administration Committee. This plan could potentially allow some work on REAP-funded projects to restart this summer with Regional Council approval.

A [staff report](#) outlining the potential concepts for this phased approach is included in the agenda packet for the April Regional Council meeting. SCAG staff will be seeking input from stakeholders during a listening session and plan to initiate a public comment period later in April.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

APRIL

15th Scholarship Committee
16th Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
16th Housing Working Group
23rd Transportation Conformity Working Group
30th Toolbox Tuesday: Environmental Justice Tools for Local Planning

MAY

1st Executive/Administration Committee
2nd Regional Conference and General Assembly
7th Aviation Technical Advisory Committee
21st Legislative/Communications and Membership Committee
22nd Modeling Task Force
28th Transportation Conformity Working Group
29th Regional Transit Technical Advisory Committee



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